

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 remain in this application. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The courtesy extended by Examiner Dawson in the telephone conversation of June 27, 2007 with the undersigned is acknowledged with appreciation.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the catheter has a longitudinal axis and the opening lies in a plane substantially transverse to the longitudinal axis and is adapted to be in line with a direction of blood flow. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the opening lies in a plane substantially transverse to the longitudinal axis. This language was added to substantially conform to the language suggested by the Examiner on page two of the Office Action and is therefore believed to overcome the rejection of claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 21-23 are allowed.

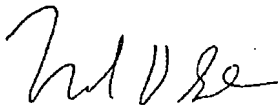
With claims 21-23 allowed and claims 1 and 11 amended as suggested by the Examiner, the application is now believed in condition for allowance and the amendments to claims 1 and 11 should be entered and the rejection withdrawn.

Claims 2-3, 5-10 and 12-20 depend from claims 1 and 11 are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 11 are believed patentable.

Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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